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Calendar of Events

March

5: BOC meets @ 9a

11: Daylight Savings

17: St. Patrick's Day

19: BOC meets @

6:30p

21: Spring Begins

February

1: April Fool's Day

2: BOC meets @ 9a

6: Good Friday - Offices Closed

8: Easter

16: Last day to file

taxes

16: BOC meets @

6:30p

Thought for March:

In prosperity our friends know us, in adversity we know our friends.

Thought for April:

The reputation of a thousand years may be determined by the conduct of one hour.

> Japanese Proverb



Bizarre Holidays:

3/1: Share a Smile

Day

3/19: Let's Laugh

Day

4/4: Library Book

Day

4/9: Safety Pin Day

Special points of interest:

- March 15: Taylor Printing Customer Appreciation at Civic Center
- March 23: Pay Day
- April 6: Offices Closed
- April 27: Pay Day

Welcome New Employees!!

Wilson Gwynn - Main.

Chad Jarvis - EMS

Amy Lyle - Health

Michael Ruth - Parks

Jeffrey Stein - Parks

Justin Scruggs -

Parks



Humor to Start the Day: Excuses for Staying Home

By: Kathy Gurchiek

The following are actually excuses given by employees in 2006 for staying home according to a poll of 1,150 U.S. hiring managers.

- I had a fight with my husband and I want to talk to him when he gets home.
- I was in jail and couldn't call in.
- I just found out I had court this morning.
- A buffalo that had escaped from a game reserve kept charging at the employee every time she tried to leave her house to get to her car.
- The employee's horses got loose and were running down the highway.
- A skunk entered the employee's house and sprayed all of his uniforms.
- The employee's mother-in-law poisoned him.
- The employee's mother was in jail.
- The employee was experiencing all the symptoms of his pregnant wife.
- One of the walls fell in the employee's house.
- The employee's wife said he couldn't come to work because he had a lot of chores to do around the house instead.
- The employee blew his nose so hard that his back went out.
- The employee was locked in a restroom stall and no one was around to let him out; he was calling from his cell
 phone.
- The employee's dog swallowed her bus pass.
- The employee broke his leg snowboarding off the roof while he was drunk.
- The employee was sad.
- Employee got bit by a cow.
- Employee was walking her dog and slipped on a toad in her driveway and hurt her back.
- The ghosts in employee's house kept him up all night.
- The house lock jammed and the employee was locked in the house.
- The employee forgot they were getting married that day.

Living Healthy: How to Keep Your Heart Healthy

myCigna.com

How Do I Know if I'm at Risk?

- Are you over the age of 65?
- Do you have a family history of heart disease?
- Do you have diabetes?
- Do you smoke?
- Is your total cholesterol level over 240?
- Is your blood pressure level over 140/90?
- Do you exercise less than 30 minutes a day on most days of the week?
- Are you overweight?

If you answered yes to at least two of these questions, you may have a higher risk of developing heart disease.

Can I Lower My Risk?

- Quit Smoking.
- Watch your diet. Aim for a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet with lots of fruits, vegetables and whole-grain foods.
- Get moving. Regular exercise strengthens your heart, improves circulation and works with your diet to help you maintain a healthy weight.
- Visit your doctor.

Women May Have Atypical Heart Attack Symptoms

- Chest discomfort. Discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one
 or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath. May occur with or without chest discomfort.
- Other common symptoms include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or light-headedness.
- For many women these symptoms appear as long as a month or more before the heart attack.
- The heart attack is more often brought on by anxiety or mental stress, and even sleep.

- March 13: Financial Wellness Seminar Basic Budgeting; 10:30 am 11:30 am & 2:00 pm 3:00 pm. Sign up sheet due by March 7th.
- March 15: Taylor Printing Customer Appreciation at the Caswell County Civic Center from 11:30 am 2 pm.
- March 1 31: Health Risk Assessment provided by CIGNA. All confirmation pages must be turned into the HR office by March 31st to be eligible for prize drawing. For employees covered by the County Health Plan/CIGNA.



Employee Birthdays

| March | | Emily Owen | Parks | Anita Graves | Parks |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| Frank Archer | EMS | Neil Patel | Parks | Raymond Graves | Maint. |
| Joshua Benfield | 911 | Debbie Rascoe | DSS | Jim Gusler | EMS |
| Woodrow Bigelow | Insp. | Cynthia Richmond | Health | Wilson Gwynn | Maint. |
| Gwynn Brandon | Sheriff | Jean Roberts | Elections | Dustin Johnson | Parks |
| Van Buchanan | EMS | Justin Scruggs | Parks | Amy Lyle | Health |
| Janice Clayton | Finance | Greg Scott | Health | Cynthia Royster | 911 |
| Rickye Collie | Parks | Patricia Smith-Overman | Health | Steven Smith | Parks |
| Delores Dameron | Deeds | Jill Thompson | DSS | Kathy Upchurch | Library |
| Catrina Davis | Health | Florence Vereen | DSS | Jeffery White | EMS |
| Jeannine Everidge | Sen. Cen. | George Ward | Gov't | Judy Williamson | Health |
| Donna Graves | CDOT | Stephana Wood | Health | | |
| Gloria Hodges | 911 | April | | | |
| Racquel Hughes | DSS | Rebecca Archer | EMS | | |
| Doris Hyler | Library | Jane Bason | Library | | |
| Carrie King | Sen. Cen. | Jerald Brown | Sheriff | | |
| Beverly Lancaster | DSS | Andrew Davis | EMS | | |
| Mary Mitchell | Health | Densie Douglas | DSS | | |
| Angela Motley | Parks | Randy Echols | Parks | | |
| Judy Nelson | Tax | AJ Fuqua | 911 | | |